

Dear Crystal City Families, Staff, and Community,

As we wrap up the first quarter of the 2026–2027 school year, I find myself incredibly thankful for what makes Crystal City so special, our people and our community.

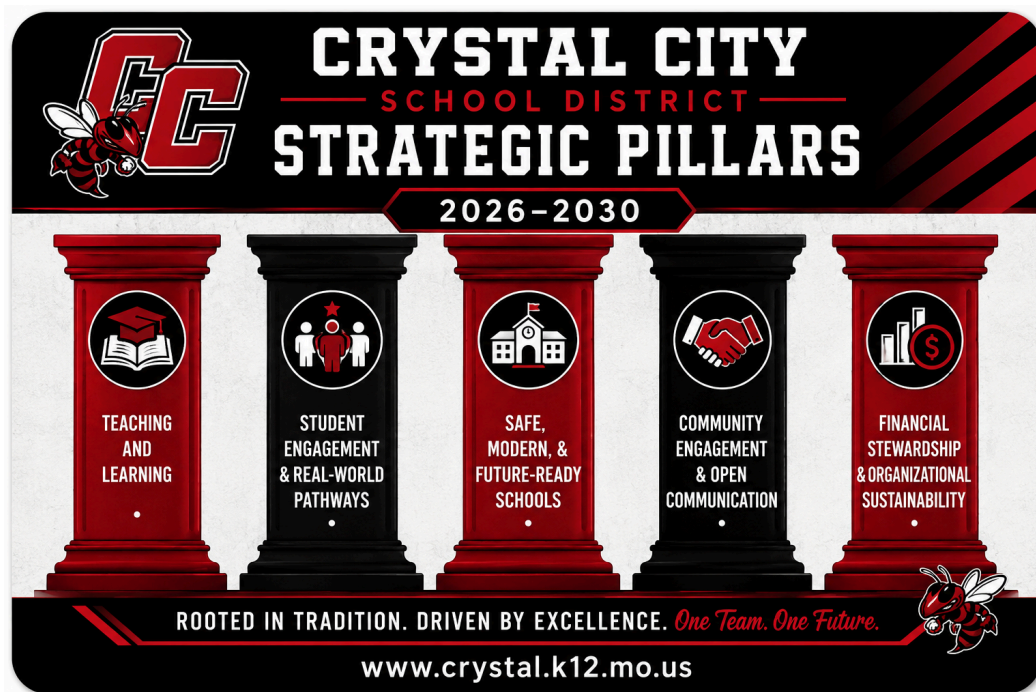
The first few months of school have been filled with energy, tradition, and opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and be involved. From back-to-school activities and the celebration of 100 years of Crystal City football, to Homecoming Week, Walk, Bike & Ride to School Day, academic achievements and learning opportunities, athletics, clubs, and PTO Family Skate Night, our students have been engaged and participating in so many different experiences.

These moments are important because school is about more than what happens inside the classroom. It is about building relationships, creating memories, discovering interests, and helping our students become confident, capable young people.

Looking Ahead: Building Our Future

As we enter the next few months, we have important work ahead. Our 2026–2030 Strategic Pillars will continue to guide our work and keep us focused on what matters most:

- Teaching & Learning
- Student Engagement & Real-World Pathways
- Safe, Modern & Future-Ready Schools
- Community Engagement & Open Communication
- Financial Stewardship & Organizational Sustainability



These pillars represent our commitment to continuously improving Crystal City Schools while staying true to who we are.

We will also be having important conversations about facility improvements, continuous school improvement, and a potential bond issue for the April 2027 election. These conversations are about looking ahead and making thoughtful decisions about the future of our schools and our students.

Thank You, Hornet Community

To our families, thank you for supporting your children and our schools.

To our staff, thank you for the time, energy, and heart you give our students each day.

To our community, thank you for showing up, cheering us on, volunteering, partnering with us, and believing in Crystal City.

Your support does not go unnoticed. It is one of the greatest strengths of our district and community.

We are proud of where we are, excited about where we are going, and grateful that we get to do it together.

It truly is a great time to be a Hornet!

With gratitude,

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